

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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TO: Chair and Members of the
Superior-Greenstone District School Board

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SUBJECT: BA Parker Public School Replacement Project – Update Dec 2010

Background

At the Board meeting on June 21, 2010, the Board awarded the tender for Alteration to Geraldton Composite HS for the new BA Parker PS Renovation to Quinan Construction Limited. Mobilization was carried out, by Quinan, to begin construction soon after the award.

Work was designed to take place in two phases:

Phase 1 includes the creation of a new High School Library and relocation of the Welding Shop, Art Room, and Sewing Room. The objective is to vacate all spaces needed for the future BA Parker PS. Changes to parking and traffic flow are also to be addressed to enable construction to progress in Phase 2 with minimal effect on school users.

Phase 2 includes the creation of the new BA Parker PS. Other work will also take place to relocate, to other areas of the building, some of the space needed by Confederation College. Extensive grounds work and painting will be carried out to put the final touches on the site and building. The new school building has been designed with a capacity of 184 (according to Ministry of Education room loading) and contains 8 classrooms (5 regular classrooms, 1 computer room, 2 kindergarten rooms), and a Special Ed room.

Current Situation

Most recently, the contractor has started installing the high efficiency triple pane windows. Work on the windows continues while school is in session with the school making rooms available, one at a time. This scheduling is being handled locally by, the Principal, Al Luomala. Some disruption is inevitable, but because of the large number of windows – approximately 60, and the complexity of the work, installation needs to take place during daylight hours to ensure a quality job. The school has responded well to assist with this task.

With the arrival of winter and much snow, snow clearing arrangements have been set up to ensure that entrances and exits are cleared to meet the emergency response requirements of the building and site. Quinan Construction has relocated their work trailers and storage units to the south side and is managing the snow clearing needs for that area. Parking on the site continues to be an issue, but we are looking at temporary solutions to get through the winter. Relocation and removal of storage containers has helped free up many spots. Handicap parking spots have been selected and should be setup and fully posted with signs shortly.

Heating systems are working well and classrooms are seeing an acceptable comfort level. This will further improve with the completion of the window installations.

The high school continues with the setup and use of the Automotive Shop, new Library, new Art Room, and the other spaces affected by Phase 1.

The Welding area is progressing well with the assembly of the new welding booths. School shop staff have been working hard to get everything setup just right.

Work is also progressing in areas occupied by Confederation College, which have been affected by the redesign of the building layout. Some spaces were traded in the initial design to enable the new BA Parker PS to have an efficient layout. Cooperation with the College has been very good, and is much appreciated.

To ensure the safety of staff, students, and other building users, temporary outside fencing is maintained to prevent access to excavation areas. The south area of the school is fenced and fully under the control and use of the contractor. Others are not permitted in this area. Areas of the school that are part of Phase 2 have been closed off with temporary walls and doors to ensure access control to the construction areas that will be ongoing. Construction on Phase 2 continues with walls and ventilation equipment/ductwork being installed.

Weekly teleconference meetings and monthly onsite meetings continue to take place to keep the project moving along, and to ensure that the school principal is fully aware of the project progress and details. The next on-site meeting with the architect is scheduled to take place on December 8, 2010.

Administrative Summary

The BAPS School Replacement Project – Update Dec 2010 is hereby presented to the board for information.

Respectfully submitted by:

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